

REMARKS

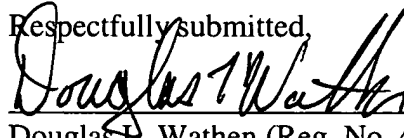
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during an interview on May 21, 2003, with Applicant's representative. Claim 5 is presented herein with the amendments discussed at the interview. Specifically, claim 5 now provides that the counterweight is "supported separate from the keys." As discussed, this clarification distinguishes the Brennan reference, where the counterweight is embedded in the key. In light of this, claim 5 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and is also in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4 and 10-24 were previously indicated as allowed. Some of these claims have been amended herein to correct a typographical error, in that the period at the end of some of the claims was repeated.

Claims 7-9 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. They are presented herein in independent form. Claims 25-27 have been added, which depend from amended claim 5.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment should be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative.

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